tional Coach, Secretary|Secretary General of the Federation, a representative of the Sports Authority of India and an ex-international sports person (preferably an Arjuna Awardee) as Government nominee on the Committee.

While making selections the Committee is required to strictly adhere to the minimum norms of physical fitness, skill and performance levels as prescribed by the Sports Authority of India.

The number of selected sportspersons for the preliminary camps will be restricted to about 2 to 3 times the number of participants plus 6 to 10 elite juniors, who are likely to make the grade during the preliminary camp.

The above Committee meets periodically to evaluate the performance and progress of the sportspersons in the coaching camps and will keep on eliminating such sportspersons whose performance is not progressing satisfactorily, so that only the very best remain for the substantive coaching camps.

The Committee can also, with the prior approval of Director-General, Sports Authority of India, include in the substantive camp such of the sportspersons who may not have participated in the preliminary coaching camp but fulfil the criteria laid down for being inducted into the substantive coaching camp after satisfying itself of the reasons for such persons not participating in the preliminary coaching camp.

The national teams are selected by the above Selection Committee out of these sportspersons.

Teams which qualify themselves through preliminary tournaments according to qualifying procedures set by organisers of such championships themselves, will be cleared for participation in the championships. Where no such qualifying procedures are prescribed, participation in the championships will be permitted if the national team reached the semi-final in either the most recently held Asian Games or the most recently held Asian Championships in the discipline concerned.

The teams failing to so qualify will not generally be cleared. However, there may be a few cases where a team has demonstrated such qualitative improvement that it stands a very high chance of reaching at least semi-finals, such teams may be allowed to participate, notwithstanding the above criterion.

Works allotted to the officials of the department of food adulteration of Delhi administration

277. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the present system of functioning of the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration, Delhi no responsibility can be fixed on the Food Inspectors and Local (Health) Authorities for the occurrence of Food poisoning and Epidemic break up etc., as the areas and zones of Food Inspectors and Local (Health) Authorities are not fixed in the capital;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that such officials cannot have a closer supervision of traders indulging in food adulteration due to the absence of their areas and zones; and

(c) action proposed by Government to fix the areas and zones of Food Inspectors and Local (Health) Authorities?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. SHAKEELUR REHMAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Recovery of dues from drugs companies

278. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:
SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in Business Standard, Calcutta on 2nd

November, 1990 under the heading "Drug Cos. to Defy Fresh Order to pay up dues";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that his Ministry asked 30 pharmaceutical companies to pay up the arrears by November, 9, 1990;

(c) what are the names of the companies and what is the amount due from each company;

(d) how many Companies have deposited the amount and what action has been taken against the defaulters:

(e) whether it is also a fact that notices have been issued to IDPL and other publice sector units; and

(f) if so, what is the amount due against each and since when?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All the companies have been asked to pay the balance amount due from them.

(c) to (f) Requisite details have been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 396 answered on 31-12-1990.

Shortage of essential drugs

279. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

Whether there is a shortage of anti-T.B., anti-Cancer, anti-typhoid, anti-malaria, anti-pyretic and antibiotic drugs in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what action is proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S. P. MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) There is no shortage of these drugs in general. However, there was shortage in some areas, of some particular brands for which therapeutic equivalents were available.

ONGC officers sent abroad for training

280. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers sent for training abroad by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission during the last five years and the amount spend thereon;

(b) whether officers|employees belonging to Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes have also been set abroad for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the number thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) to (c) During the last five years i.e. from 1985-86 to 1989-90, 1843 officers including 97 belonging to Scheduled Castes and 11 belonging to Scheduled Tribes were sent by ONGC for training|workshops abroad. A sum of Rs. 6.85 crores was spent for the above purpose.

Shortage of medicine plants

281. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is continuous depletion in the sources of various herbs and plants required in the manufacture of various medicines in the country;